

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Oranienburg

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 9 and 10 February 1953

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

On 9 and 10 February, the former concentration camp and the former Panzer Schule in Oranienburg quartered an estimated 2,800 troops. Soldiers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport or signal insignia; and some soldiers wore blue-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered crimson epaulets.

Between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on 9 February, the troops were in the quarters. Trucks [redacted] with trailers [redacted] left the 25X1 barracks installation at about 10 a.m. and proceeded toward Sachsenhausen. The trucks carried all kinds of billeting equipment. Between 8 and 9:30 a.m. on 10 February, about 150 soldiers drilled in groups of about 15 soldiers each in the billeting area. At about 10 a.m., a total of about 300 troops marched from the installation toward the training area near the lock. They were equipped with rifles, submachine guns, entrenching tools and practice targets.

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Comment. From the estimated occupation strength alone, it cannot be concluded whether all units of the 25th Tank Div were at their quarters on 9 and 10 February. It appears however that only details were rotated to the troop training grounds for combat firing practice. They probably went to Templin where they were observed in January 1952.